

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Office for the attention accorded the present Application in the October 28, 2003, Office Action. In that Action, the Office has objected to the title. Claims 2, 4, 12, 13, 18, 44, and 60 were rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, Claims 1-5, 7-14, and 18 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Guo, Claims 6, 15-17, 19, and 46-60 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Guo, in view of Heller, Nankai, Heller, and Blubaugh, and Claims 20-43 and 45 were allowed.

Applicants have amended the title of the present invention to the title suggested by the Office.

Election/Restriction:

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants reaffirm the provisional election without traverse of the Group I invention identified by the Office as Claims 1-60 and made by the undersigned on October 14, 2003, but reserve the right to include all of the claims in Groups I, II and III should a generic claim be allowed, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.143, and without affecting Applicants' ability to later file divisional applications based on the non-elected claims of Groups II and III.

35 USC § 112, §102 and §103 rejections:

The Office rejected Claims 2, 4, 12, 13, 18, 44 and 60 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly

claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention, Claims 1-5, 7-14, and 18 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Guo, Claims 6, 15-17, 19, and 46-60 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Guo, in view of Heller, Nankai, Heller, and Blubaugh, or combinations thereof.

Claims 1-19, 44 and 46-60 have been canceled. The Office's rejections are now moot.

Applicant believes that all of the pending claims should now be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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